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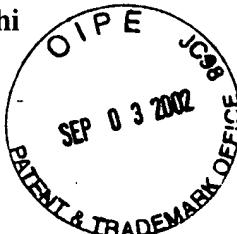
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re the Application of: **KONNO, Takamichi**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated **March 1, 2002** of the Primary Examiner.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. A petition for a three- month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection is filed concurrently herewith.
2. A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.113.
3. Fee \$160.00 (small entity).

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In the event this Notice of Appeal is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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